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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIS, JA
SUBJECT: US-JAPAN GIFA NEGOTIATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 04316; (B) STATE 04317

1. ECON COUNS AND FISHATT MET TODAY WITH SAITO, NEW DIRECTOR TREATIES DIVISION, AND FUKUDA, NEW DIRECTOR SECOND NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION, CONCERNING APPLICATION FOR U.S. FISHING PERMITS AND SIGNING OF GIFA.

2. GOJ REPRESENTATIVES WERE INFORMED THAT THE APPLICATION FOR FISHING PERMITS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE USG UNTIL A GIFA HAS BEEN SIGNED AND THAT SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION MUST BE FROM THE GOJ. FORWARDING OF COMPLETED FORMS TO GOJ EMBASSY IN WASHDC FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY TO USG AFTER GIFA SIGNED APPEARED TO BE SATISFACTORY TO THEM.

3. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT STATE THE COVERING APPLICATION FORM IS UNACCEPTABLE, SAITO ASKED IF USG WOULD ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: (1) NEW TITLE READING "INFORMATION CONCERNING JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS WHICH PROPOSE TO FISH OFF THE COAST OF THE UNITED STATES"; AND (2) DELETION OF WORD APPLICATION IN STATEMENT "APPLICATION NO. BLANK FOR USE BY U.S. AUTHORITIES" OR AS AN ALTERNATIVE DELETION OF ENTIRE STATEMENT.
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4. WE ALSO TOLD GOJ REPS THAT USG COULD ACCEPT AN INITIALED LONG TERM AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME. SAITO SAID THAT THE LONG-TERM AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED BEFORE SUBMISSION TO DIET BUT HE CANNOT PREDICT WHEN THE LONG TERM AGREEMENT WOULD BE SIGNED OR SUBMITTED. WE DO NOT BELIEVE GOJ REPS WERE BEING EVASIVE BUT RATHER THAT

THIS QUESTION IS FAR FROM DECISION IN GOJ.

5. SAITO SAID THAT A LEGAL ADVISOR IN WASHDC HAD INDICATED TO HIM IN DECEMBER THAT IT MIGHT NOT BE NECESSARY TO SEND THE SHORT-TERM AGREEMENT TO CONGRESS FOR APPROVAL. WE SAID THAT THIS WAS NOT OUR UNDERSTANDING BUT THAT WE WOULD SEEK CLARIFICATION.

6. SAITO INDICATED ALSO THAT COLSON SUGGESTED ONE ALTERNATIVE TO AVOID PROBLEMS WITH THE 60-DAY CONGRESSIONAL OVERVIEW WOULD BE TO SEEK AMENDMENT OF LAW TO PROVIDE FOR ONLY 45-DAY OVERVIEW. HE IMPLIED THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE OF MUCH HELP NOW BECAUSE OF RECENT DELAYS AND THAT GOJ HOPES CONGRESS WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS GIFA RECEIVED.

7. SAITO ALSO SAID THAT GOJ HAD SOME EDITORIAL CHANGES STRICTLY OF A TECHNICAL NATURE AND THAT GOJ EMBASSY HAD SO STATED IN DECEMBER. HE SAID THESE WILL BE SUBMITTED AFTER FINAL REVIEW OF GIFA BY HIGHER AUTHORITY IN GOJ.

8. GOJ REPS SAID THAT DELAY IN RECEIVING LANGUAGE CONCERNING ANADROMOUS SPECIES IS CAUSING THEM CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY. THEIR UNDERSTANDING, AS IS OURS, IS THAT NEW LANGUAGE WILL BE PROVIDED BY MID-WEEK.

9. GOJ REPS HOPE, AS DO WE, THAT REMAINING NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE HANDLED THROUGH REGULAR DIPLOMATIC CONFIDENTIAL

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CHANNELS WITHOUT ANOTHER FORMAL MEETING. THEY INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE WORTHWHILE IF USG WOULD CONSENT TO SENDING A LEGAL EXPERT TO JAPAN TO ASSIST IN COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS.

10. ACTION REQUESTED:

- A. PROVIDE LANGUAGE ON ANADROMOUS SPECIES SOONEST.
- B. INFORM IF CHANGES IN APPLICATION PER PARA 3 ARE ACCEPTABLE.
- C. CONFIRM WHETHER SHORT-TERM AGREEMENT REQUIRES CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL.

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